



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Office of the Governor

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Dear Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Members:

I wanted to inform you that I have decided to partner with Governor Brown and the State of Oregon to issue a request for proposal (RFP) seeking bids to build out and maintain the public safety LTE radio network for the two states as a potential alternative to the FirstNet plan.

Importantly, this decision should not be interpreted as an indication that I have decided to “opt out” of FirstNet’s plans to build a nationwide public-safety broadband network. It is the intent of this RFP to explore options available to the State that will be most responsive to the needs of public safety entities and which will be sustainable over the coming 25-year period. I believe a regional solution with our partners in Oregon is one that should be explored.

I greatly appreciate and value the work of the SIEC and look forward to your review and recommendations on the final FirstNet state plan and any alternative plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact my Senior Policy Advisor, Sheri Sawyer, at sheri.sawyer@gov.wa.gov or (360) 902-4113 or our FirstNet State Point of Contact, Shelley Westall, at shelley.westall@ocio.wa.gov or (360) 556-2545.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee
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